

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): HARDWOOD FLOORING ASSEMBLY SYSTEM AND METHOD

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18 pages of Specification/Claims 1-7/Abstract are attached.  
 Formal drawings (Figs. 1-20; 7 sheets) are attached.  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
 An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
 An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
 **This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.**  
 A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
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INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0
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**SMALL ENTITY**

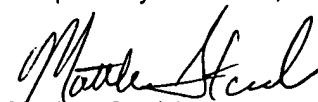
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**LARGE ENTITY**

OR	RATE	Fee
OR		\$ 770
OR	x 18	\$
OR	x 86	\$
OR	+290	\$
OR	TOTAL	\$

A check in the amount of \$385.00 is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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